1	2	3	4	5	6
B. R&D Programmes					
7.	TFRI, Jabalpur	R&D on Jatropha & Karanja	**	25.07	+20.98
8.	PCCF–(SFRI, Jabalpur)	R&D on Jatropha	**	544.97	+12.43
9.	JNKVV,	R&D on Jatropha &	**	7.46	+13.95
		Sub total-B		**577.50**	**47.36**
		Grand Total (A+B)		**67437.89**	**351.73**

**The Board has initiated a National network on Integrated Development of Jatropha and Karanja by involving 35 R&D institutes of ICAR, CSIR, ICFRE, SAUs, IIT etc. including three Institutes/Universities from Madhya Pradesh to undertake the R&D activities.

+ Includes allocation for the year 2006-07.

Effect of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 on developmental works

†*89. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is the main hurdle in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and other developmental work particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of cases seeking permission for construction of roads on the forest land falling enroute and other development works under the scheme forwarded by the State Government during last three years alongwith the number of cases cleared and pending so far; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for a permanent solution to the problem?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A.RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is a regulatory and not a prohibitory Act. It has the enabling provisions for the Central Government to grant permission for non-forestry use of forest land for developmental purposes. Proposals for forestry clearance for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are dealt

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

on priority basis, in respect of all the States/Union Territories including the State of Orissa. Further, for up-gradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980, from 'Kutchcha to Pucca', without widening, prior permission under this Act is not required. Guidelines have already been issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest on 30th April 2005 in this regard. However, if any such project falls in a National Park/ Sanctuary, prior permission of National Board of wildlife (NBWL) and the Supreme Court, is essential. In so far as other developmental works are concerned, Central Government has already granted general approval under this Act on 3rd January 2005, for infrastructure development projects upto 1.0 hectares, to be implemented by Government Departments, like school, dispensary/hospital, electric lines, drinking water, rain water harvesting structure minor irrigation canal, non-conventional sources of energy, skill upgradation/vocational training centre, power sub-stations etc.

During last three years (01-07-2002 to 01-07-2005), Government of Orissa has submitted a total of 106 development project proposals including 12 for construction of roads (2 under PMGSY). Out of total proposals received, 75 projects including 11 for construction of roads (2 under PMGSY), have been approved by the Central Government on merit and ecological considerations. Only 5 cases of Orissa are under various stages of consideration of the Central Government. None of these case pertain to construction of roads. Remaining 26 cases have either been rejected for valid reasons, or returned to the State Government due to incomplete information. No proposal for construction of roads on forest lands in Orissa including construction under PMGSY, is pending with the Central Government.

Recognising Pharmacy/Nursing Course in Kerala

*90. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government which is conducting the Nurse-cum-Pharmacist course-Homoeo, extending to 10 months has sought any recognition from CGHS and whether such recognition has been granted;